

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2069 without my signature.

No one wants to compete for a job that requires a college degree with someone who got their degree from a diploma mill. It is already the policy of the state to require that the degree be from an accredited institution, and to require verification of the degree prior to the appointment. It should be up to each local jurisdiction to set standards for degree verification similar to those found in the state policy and I assume they would do so to maintain the highest quality workforce.

It is not the job of the state to set personnel policies at this level for local governments and school districts. In addition, the recordkeeping and verification procedures in the measure may be reimbursable mandates, which would increase costs to the state.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger